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CERCLA IMMEDIATE REMOVAL
UNITED RIGGING AND HAULING INC
BELTSVILLE MD
POLREP #1

I. SITUATION (2400 HOURS 5-8-85)

- A. \$50,000 FUNDING INITIATED AT THE OSC REQUEST TO SECURE AND STABILIZE UNITED RIGGING SITE.
- B. MEDIA INTEREST EXTREMELY HIGH.
- C. PERSONNEL ON SCENE:
ERCS- 5 EPA- 1
STATE HEALTH- 1 TAT- 3
COUNTY HEALTH- 1 CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES- 2
- D. SITE ASSESSMENT PERFORMED WITH OSC, TAT, MARYLAND STATE HEALTH AND UNITED RIGGING REPRESENTATIVES.
- E. OSC CONTACTS ERCS AT 0900 HOURS TO ACTIVATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIVITIES AT THE SITE IE (SECURITY AND TEMPORARY BANNER GUARDING).
- F. LEVELS AS HIGH AS 55,000 PPM OF PCB FOUND IN SOIL ON SITE. LEVELS AS HIGH AS 3,000 PPM OF PCB FOUND IN OFF-SITE DRAINAGE WHICH IS LEACHING TO AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY TO INDIAN CREEK. LEVELS AS HIGH AS 80 PERCENT PCB HAS BEEN FOUND IN TRANSFORMERS.
- G. SITE HAS UNCONTROLLED ACCESS AND IS PRIMARILY AN INDUSTRIAL AREA, APPROXIMATELY 1,000 PEOPLE WITHIN A QUARTER MILE.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. HOT SPOTS IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE STATE OF MARYLAND ASSESSMENT WERE BANNER GUARDED.
- B. INITIAL SCOPE OF WORK AND SAMPLING AND MEASURING PLANS WERE FORMULATED.
- C. ASSESSMENT INDICATES OVER 800 TRANSFORMERS PRESENT ON SITE, SEVERAL CONTAMINATED HOT SPOTS, AND TWO IDENTIFIED MIGRATION ROUTES OF PCB'S OFF-SITE ENTERING AN UNKNOWN TRIBUTARY OF INDIAN CREEK WHICH ENTERS THE ANACOSTIA WHICH LIES IN THE POTOMAC RIVER DRAINAGE BASIN.
- D. SECURITY WAS ESTABLISHED THROUGH AN OVERNIGHT GUARD AND THE UNFENCED AREA LOCATED AT THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY WAS BANNER GUARDED DESIGNATING THE UNITED RIGGING SITE.
- E. AN UNDERFLOW DAM WAS CONSTRUCTED IN A RUN-OFF DITCH ON THE PROPERTY AS A CONTINGENCY MEASURE IN CASE OF RAIN.
- F. STATE OF MARYLAND PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS INDICATES HIGH LEVELS PCB SATURATED SOILS AND A LARGE NUMBER OF PCB TRANSFORMERS.
- G. INITIAL SAMPLING (100 SAMPLES) WAS TAKEN BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND ARE STILL BEING ANALYZED. THE OSC IS ANTICIPATING A HARD COPY OF ANALYSIS TO BETTER CHARACTERIZE AND REPRESENT THE EXTENT OF CONTAMINATION.

III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. SCOPE OF WORK AND DELIVERY ORDER TO BE INITIATED TO ERCS ON 5-9-85.
- B. COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND AFFAIRS TO BE COORDINATED THROUGH EPA OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS.
- C. OSC TO CONTACT CDC.
- D. OSC TO SUBMIT A FORMAL ACTION MEMO REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING.
- E. EPA ENFORCEMENT TO ARRIVE ON-SCENE 5-9-85
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